

The question then recurring upon the adoption of the order as amended, to wit :

“That debate on the 4th Article of the Declaration of Rights shall cease at one o’clock on Thursday next,” &c.

It was decided in the affirmative.

On motion of Mr. Smith, of Dorchester.

It was ordered to be entered on the Journal, that Alward Johnson, Esq., a member of this Convention is absent from his seat in consequence of sickness in his family.

The Order of the Day, being the Report of the majority of the Committee on the Bill of Rights,

Was taken up.

After debate upon the preceding amendment, to wit :

“Strike out the word “paramount,” in the 4th Article of the Report ;

Mr. Abbott, by general consent, submitted, the following order :

Ordered, That John T. Wright, be appointed temporary Sergeant-at-Arms.

Which was rejected.

Mr. Daniel submitted the following order :

Ordered, that any officer of this Convention hereafter absents himself without leave of the President first had and obtained except in case of sickness, shall be dismissed his place, and that the President of this Convention shall have the power to appoint a temporary Sergeant-at-Arms for such time as he may deem best.

Mr. Barron moved to lay the order on the table;

Decided in the affirmative.

On motion of Mr. Davis,

At forty-five minutes past two o’clock the Convention took a recess until half-past four o’clock.